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MEMORANDUM FOR KATHLEEN M. KENNEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
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FROM:

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Harley G. Lappin, Director

SUBJECT:

Establishment of a Certification Review Panel and  
Delegation of Certification Authority

By this memorandum, I am directing the establishment of a Certification Review Panel (CRP) to review releasing offenders for civil commitment pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 4248(a), as enacted by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248). This panel is to be composed of staff from the Correctional Programs Division, the Office of General Counsel, and others appointed by the Assistant Director, Correctional Programs Division.

Further, I am delegating authority to certify offenders as "sexually dangerous persons" as defined under this law, to the Chairperson of the CRP. On an interim basis, this authority is delegated to Dr. William T. Bickart, Interim CRP Chairperson, and Dr. Paul Sahwell or Dr. John Baxter as alternate Chairpersons in his absence. As a permanent CRP is staffed, this delegated authority will convey to the Chairperson of the CRP.